

61 Millbrook Road, Hamden, Ct.
Wednesday, June 30, 1954

Dear fellow Execs and "Brood" members,

I am sure that by now you have all received Ted May's letter, and that you have some realization of what has transpired since we left New Haven. I am writing this to supplement what Ted had to say, and to add a few suggestions of my own.

The situation that has developed is, I am sure, by far the most serious since the problems encountered at the first establishment of the station in 1941. There cannot be any greater problem than avoiding a complete shutdown of activities. This shutdown is now in effect and will continue so until we can provide proof attested to by Macnamara, Whiteman, and accepted by Griswold himself, that we are within the letter of the law. No one is quite sure just exactly what will have to be done; what we do know is that all thoughts of television, publicity stunts, grandiose expansion, etc., will have to be by necessity subverted, and all our abilities must be turned to finding a solution to our difficulty. I cannot overemphasize the seriousness of this situation; for the first time in many years, we are threatened with a permanent shutdown of activities; this is a question of the station's very existence, and I know that none of us would want the 1955 board to be the last; on the other hand, if once and for all we could tie together the loose ends of the last two administrations and permanently solve the transmission problems and still stay under FCC regulations, we could remove a great barrier for future expansion, and guarantee the security of the organization for years to come.

I received in the mail today the copies of letters from the FCC to Griswold, and the reply, dated June 15. I had to request these, the President's Office had not thought to send them. The FCC letter of May 20, to Griswold, cited the complaint of December 1952, and the subsequent investigation. It also cited the "promise" of Tech Director Zimmermann and Macnamara, our Tech Faculty advisor, of March 1953, to make additional efforts to reduce radiation. Apparently neither of these two ever furnished this information, and there is little indication that they made any effort to secure it. More serious than that, they utterly failed to inform anyone on the 1955 board, and Ted May in particular, as to the status. Consequently the FCC letter of April 21, 1954, requesting this information from Macnamara, was quite a surprise to May and myself. I made a serious error in opening this letter. You all remember the Exec meeting when this was first brought up, and Ted began his search for correspondence, which resulted in the discovery that new tests would have to be made. With TV and other problems concerning Tech's time, the tests were not completed until mid-Exams. The radiation was still excessive. I am sure that you will agree that this situation is deplorable; more than anything else, it casts new light on the previous board, and on the necessity for establishing reliable transitional changeovers in administration.

Griswold's reply to FCC simply encloses Whiteman's, Belinggers', and the general Deardon's edict, stating at the conclusion "I hope the procedure they propose will be acceptable to you and that you will give us a little time to put our affairs in order, which I am sure we shall be able to do". The dean's letter outlines the 2-point procedure to be followed: 1) the presentation of a plan by us to reduce radiation to the proper limits, and 2) the testing of the plan and its certification. Again the Deans ask for patience, understanding, and leniency. Well, there it is. Ted will work out this plan with Macnamara, and I will submit it to the Administration. Presumably, they will accept it, and then we must go to work. The Tech. Dept. is being summoned for the 1st week of September. I agree with our distinguished Director that the Execs should return early, if he will guarantee that they can help. I plan to be in New Haven from the 6th on, and I hope other Execs can make it. I have two other suggestions which I would like to offer. I ask that you agree to me in writing that



Ted Putney and I may take proper steps to delve into the "trust" fund, it that becomes necessary to defray the cost of rewiring, new equipment, and of course living expenses of those working on the job. This fund was set up to be used in an emergency, and I for one cannot think of any emergency more stringent. Please indicate your opinion on this. Also, I feel that the station membership at large should know of this; they may have ideas, some will offer to help, and it is our duty to inform them when the existence of the station is threatened; I am sure they would feel very slighted and bypassed if we did not. Of course most of the planning and work will be done by us and the Tech. dept., but I think that a straightforward, serious letter to the membership is definitely in order. Were we in the school year, I would not hesitate to call a special General Board meeting. If any one has serious objections to this Operation Candid, please let me know. I will lithograph a letter much like this one around the 10th of July, without objection.

A couple of personal notes: Charlie, I will follow through as per your suggestions on the material for YEAR. Ted, (M), I will contact Maanara and inform you very soon. I have been handling the station correspondence and general business, and I would say that our financial picture is good, Yale Sings sold out and will be reordered, and we have over \$1100 in the bank. T. Putney dropped in Monday and helped with the sales tax, etc. I am working 6 days a week, and getting up at 5:30, and thus I am not able to ~~taxmaster~~ everything right away, but bear with me. I have talked telephonically with May before he left for California, personally with T O'Brien and Puts. I have been in constant communication with Whiteman, the most distasteful episode being a one and one-half hour running battle on the phone. We are still on speaking terms, I don't know why. By the way, do not worry about any rumors you heard about obscenity reports; they are true, but they are well in hand. The President is cooling off, but he was apparently extremely angry, and perfectly ready and willing to kiss us goodbye. Whiteman, for all his obstinance and Southern backwardness, can be a good placator.

Other news: Whiteman has summarily refused to 8 different organizations permission to use lists of incoming Freshmen. Therefore, no letter. The Eli Book affair was straightened out by Puts and I simply calling their bluff; I am reasonably sure they will cover us fairly.

I can't think of anything else to add, except that I hope for an early reply from you all. Please excuse the carbons, as per T. May. I'm not going to close with any gung-ho words about encouragement, etc. We have a job to do and some mistakes to correct, let's get to it. To all, a very good summer.

Sincerely,

Jim
James T. Boorsch
Chairman

P.S. I hope to lay aside the cares of state during August, and thus I will be completely incommunicado during that month, and Terry O'Brien will undoubtedly hold the fort. I shall be on the road, I hope fondly south of the Border.

*Charlie: your tapes & disk are arriving.
I'll send you the addresses so you
can write Thankyou notes*

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
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